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NSC BRIEFING

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SOUTH KOREA

- I. In South Korea, Rhee's formal resignation, submitted to National Assembly on 27 April, will almost certainly be accepted immediately.
  - A. Seriously divided Assembly will then be responsible for solving deepening crisis.
    1. We expect caretaker government to oversee new elections.
    2. Ho Chong, named Foreign Minister two days ago, now acting as president. He is competent politician, former Mayor of Seoul who was ousted by Rhee about a year ago.
  - B. Populace, encouraged by success of mass action, probably will be easily aroused to take violent action again should there be any delay in carrying out reforms or if popular expectations not satisfied.
    1. At present mood is strongly favorable to US.

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